

REMARKS

Claims 78 - 83 and 268 - 270 have been cancelled¹. No claims have been added or amended. Consequently, Claims 1 - 8, 10 - 69, 71 - 74, 76, 77, 84 - 126, 266, 267, and 271 - 364 are now pending.

Claims 78 - 83 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Curtin et al. ("Curtin"), U.S. Patent 5,725,787. Inasmuch as Claims 78 - 83 have been canceled, the anticipation rejection based on Curtin should now be withdrawn.

Claims 268 - 270, also now canceled, all depend (directly or indirectly) from now-canceled Claim 78. The Office Action Summary on page 1 of the Office Action indicates that Claims 268 - 270 have been allowed. However, the detailed part of the Office Action says nothing about Claims 268 - 270. For example, the detailed part of the Office Action states on page 3 that Claims 1 - 8, 10 - 69, 71 - 74, 76, 77, 84 - 126, 266, 267, and 271 - 364 are allowed without any mention of Claims 268 - 270. More particularly, the detailed part of the Office Action does not refer to any of Claims 268 - 270 as being allowed, as containing allowable subject matter, or as being rejected.

In any event, the cancellation of Claims 268 - 270 along with the cancellation of Claims 78 - 83 means that only allowed Claims 1 - 8, 10 - 69, 71 - 74, 76, 77, 84 - 126, 266, 267, and 271 - 364 are pending. Accordingly, the application is in a condition for allowance.

The cancellation of Claims 78 - 83 and 268 - 270 does not constitute a concession that any of Claims 78 - 83 and 268 - 270 is unpatentable for the reasons presented in the Office Action or for any other reasons. Rather, Claims 78 - 83 and 268 - 270 have been canceled solely to expedite prosecution of the present application. Applicants, of course, maintain the right to further prosecute the subject matter of Claims 78 - 83 and 268 - 270 in a continuing application that claims the priority of this application.

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¹ Non-amended claims presented in the application as filed were parenthetically indicated by the term "Previously presented" in the amendment submitted 20 February 2004 and are parenthetically indicated here by the term "Original" so as to conform better with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121.

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